

REMARKABLE LETTER  
FOUND INSIDE TREEGives Directions to Find Gold  
Buried During Civil War  
Near Snake Castle.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
EMBRURY, VA., April 7.—On January 27, 1905, Mr. R. J. Latham found in the hollow of an old oak tree which he had cut down for wood in a dismal ravine about one-half mile northwest of this place, an envelope containing two double sheets of note paper. One sheet was apparently blank, but on the first and second pages of the other sheet was a letter written in a remarkably plain and regular hand, and, to the first page, over the writing, there was what appeared to be a map drawn in pen and ink. The letter having fallen in the snow when the log was split open, Mr. Latham took the letter to the house and laid it under the stove to dry. Mr. Latham was greatly surprised to find that the heat of the stove brought to view in letters on the second sheet of paper, which upon cooling and drying again disappeared.

There being persistent and credible rumors of gold buried near Snake Castle, a rocky cliff about a mile above this place on the Rappahannock, Mr. Latham, when he read the second letter, felt convinced that he held the key to this treasure, and it was a long time before he would let any one see either of the letters. And while he has not yet found the treasure, he has only confided in the secret contents of the second letter to one man. Letter No. 1 is slowly fading since its removal from the tree. The following is all that can be deciphered of it at this time:

Ellis Ford, Au. 11, 1862.  
Headquarters of the Army, 13th Avenue 3  
Brigade 2 Division 12 Corps — Gen.  
Green.

— L. L. Latham on this piece of paper as we — in camp here just after the battle of Gettysburg — have a hole in this old oak — and this note — will have something to read.

DAVID P. STARROAN.  
Hurry long 11. 17. 11. 17. 28. 34. 6. 1.00.  
N. Y. U. S.

Whoever finds this Note,  
Address to David Starroan,  
Salena, Onondago Co.,  
State, N. Y.

Or any other man.  
Yours for the Union.

Part of the second letter which he brought out with moisture and heat reads as follows:

"From the old oak search close down this ravine for it — with eight plucked auger-holes in it — (times the distance — the ravine in this line from the oak, turn up a flat stone with 11, 17, under, and use guide." (Last word not plain.)

The guide is generally believed to be the singular pen and ink sketch drawn on page one of letter one; but some think there is a hidden meaning in the simply worded style of letter number one that can only be unraveled by David P. Starroan or some other party in the secret.

Mr. Henry F. Jones, from whom Mr. Latham purchased the tree which the letter was found, showed Mr. Latham the stump of a tree that he cut down a few years ago, which answered the description of tree number two, as it contained several plucked auger-holes, and what so distinctly pointed out the fact upon his mind was that each hole contained a shell loaded only with powder, which would go off with much sizzling and spluttering when placed upon the fire.

Several persons have spent long hours puzzling the head of the letter number one and the sketch, but age and discoloration from decaying wood renders the task doubly difficult. There is hardly a stone within a mile of Snake Castle that has not been turned over since this letter was found. It is buried treasure, and it is a matter of fact that three strangers, known to be from the North, have been seen several times since the close of the great struggle of the States, busily searching Snake Castle, but they are uncommunicative and always leave when they suspect that they are being watched.

In Chatham Institute.

CHATHAM, VA., April 7.—Wednesday photographs were made of the building and cottages now used by Chatham Episcopal Institute for the next catalogue. The new buildings will be ready for occupancy for several months and President Pruden has decided to continue the institute in its present quarters until they are.

Oh, Surely.

"Prisoner, the jury has declared you guilty." "All right, Judge; you're too intelligent a man, I think, to be influenced by what they say."—Harper's Weekly.

How Good Food may  
Turn to Poison

DECAY is not digestion, you know, even when it takes place in the stomach.

Food decayed in the body after being eaten is as dangerous to health as food decayed before being eaten.

Food nourishes or poisons, just according to how long it remains in the bowels undigested.

Cascarets are the simplest and surest safeguard against Delayed Digestion yet discovered.

Sold in a thin Enamel Box, half as thick as your watch, which fits into the vest pocket or lady's purse as if it grew there.

In this round-edged Enamel Box are found six small Candy Tablets.

One of these toothsome tablets works wonders for digestion.

Soon as placed in the mouth it starts the Saliva flowing, which at once gets to work dissolving it.

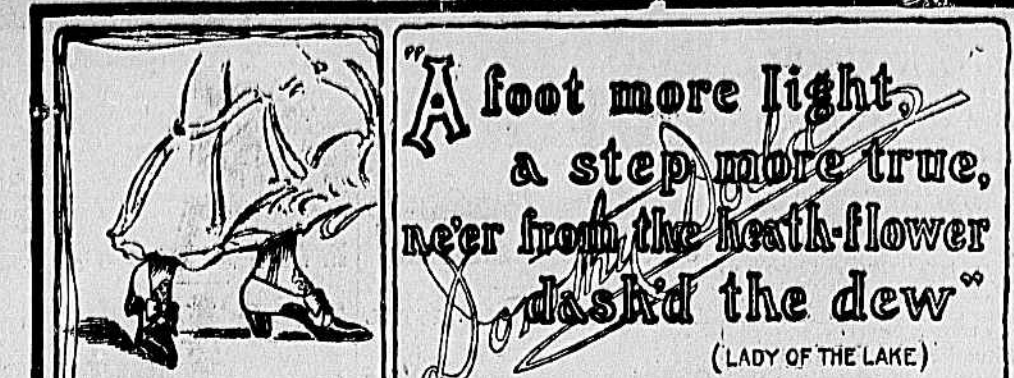
The Saliva becomes blended with the Candy Cascaret tablet, and from the moment they start going down your throat together they start working together.

Now, what do they work at? Bowel-work, of course—Digestion.

Most of the Digestion occurs in the thirty feet of intestines that connect with the stomach.

They are lined with a set of little mouths, that squeeze Digestive Juices into the food eaten.

The Digestive Juices thus mix with the food, just as Saliva mixes with Cascaret tablets, dissolving and changing that food into nourishment, as it passes along the channel.



## Dorothy Dodd

EVERY charm and grace of feminine footwear finds expression this season in "Dorothy Dodd" Shoes. This will be an Oxford season, and the key-note of fashion—"Dorothy Dodd."

It will be Oxfords for Easter; Oxfords for street, outing and dress; Oxfords fancy and plain; Oxfords in Patent Leathers, Gun Metal and Kid; Oxfords always—but let them be "Dorothy Dodds" if you would insure that fashionable daintiness and air of difference so dear to a woman's heart.

Last year's "Dorothy Dodd" Shoes were thought to be close to perfection, yet the present styles surpass them in both attractiveness and variety. Indeed, you may run the whole gamut of footwear needs and find every answer in "Dorothy Dodd."

See our window display of these pretty shoes—and just for once, try the style of a "Dorothy Dodd."

Dabney & Johnston,  
Third and  
Broad Streets.

## AT The Mecklenburg.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
MECKLENBURG HOTEL, CHASE CITY, VA., April 7.—As the spring season advances, the number of guests at the Mecklenburg is steadily increasing. While those who have spent the winter here will be leaving for their Northern homes, as soon as the tardy spring opens in that frigid climate, yet the influx of arrivals is still large, and over a hundred people are here at the present moment.

By far the largest number of these are here for the benefit of the waters. There have been some remarkable cases of speedy improvement among these invalids in the past two weeks.

Small parties of choice spirits gather every night for bridge, and to all in the afternoon, cards and conversation are never-failing resources. Ping-pong also has its devotees, and fancy work is in high favor among the ladies, who crowd the spacious parlors every morning.

The girls have invaded and captured the pool room by storm, and it is now a favorite rendezvous for the younger contingent of sport lovers.

A large number of guests are registered here. The sanitarium department is well filled with patients, and Dr. Walton, the resident physician, is kept very busy. Every one, whether patient or pleasure-seeker, is taking advantage of the medicinal waters, the lithia and chloride of calcium. They act mainly as eliminating agents, nerve and blood tonic, and are especially efficacious in the treatment of rheumatism, kidney trouble and intestinal diseases.

Dr. Walton's interesting children, and

several days in the lobby of the Hanover Bank.

Services during Holy Week in St. James Episcopal Church, Ashland, will be conducted, as follows: Tuesday afternoon, Rev. T. C. Darst, of St. Mark's Church, Richmond; Wednesday night, Rev. J. H. Dickinson, of Holy Comforter Church, Richmond; Thursday afternoon, Rev. John Moncre, of Richmond; Friday afternoon, Rev. Robert Forsythe, St. Paul's Church, Richmond.

LYNCHBURG SOCIETY  
(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
LYNCHBURG, VA., April 7.—Mr. James L. Lee, of this city, has announced the impending marriage of his daughter, Miss Alice, to Mr. Brent Von Swearingen, which is to take place here at 11:30 A. M. on April 25th. The wedding is to be very quiet on account of a recent bereavement in the family of the prospective groom. Only the immediate relatives will be present.

Hon. and Mrs. H. St. George Tucker, of Lexington, were in the city for a brief time during the present week.

Mr. T. N. Davis left yesterday afternoon on a trip to New York city.

Mr. H. H. Harris, a well known business man of this city, has just returned from a trip to Boston, Mass.

Mr. M. F. Albright and two children, of Salisbury, N. C., are visiting relatives in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. James Caskey, of Richmond, attended the Caskey-Jackson nuptials here on Thursday night.

Judge F. S. Tavenner, the State senator from Shenandoah county, was in the city on Thursday.

Mr. H. J. Douglas and two children, of Roanoke, are the guests of Mrs. H. P. Tavenner, on Eighth Street.

Mr. Powell P. Glass has returned from a short stay in Washington with his father, Congressman Carter Glass. He will return to his studies at the Washington and Lee University on Monday.

Mr. E. A. Mathews, of the local post-office, who was operated upon several weeks ago at the St. Andrew's Home, has recovered sufficiently as to be able to be removed to his home in the city.

Mrs. A. H. Burroughs has gone on a visit to New York city.

Mrs. W. D. Roper and little son, of Richmond, are visiting relatives in the city.

Mrs. C. H. Spencer is visiting her sister, Mrs. Atkinson, at the Hotel Richmond, in Richmond.

Miss Louise Waugh has gone on a two months' visit with friends in Northampton, Mass.

Admiral B. F. Day, of Glasgow, was in the city on Thursday en route to Richmond.

Mrs. B. R. Gill, of Farmville, who has been visiting Miss Margaret McKinney, is in the city.

It so happens that the member of the Times staff who verified these facts also knows of another case in this city that is yielding to the treatment.

That chronic Bright's Disease and Diabetes, deemed fatal the world over, are now cured by the Compound discovered in San Francisco by the agents for the Fulton Compound referred to above—the only cure known for Bright's Disease and Diabetes. Recoveries at present cost \$100.00. Send for free booklet.

OWENS & MINOR DRUG CO., Richmond, Va.

When to suspect Bright's Disease: Weakness or loss of weight; puffiness ankles, hands or eyes; itchy skin; kidney trouble after the third month; urine may show sediment; falling vision; drowsiness; one or more of these.

on Church Street, has returned to her home.

Mrs. George W. Headley, Jr., nee Miss Louise Adams, is in the city on a brief visit before going to her new home in Lexington, Ky.

Mrs. Smith, wife of Mayor G. W. Smith, of this city, who was operated upon recently at the Johns Hopkins Hospital, Baltimore, is improving nicely.

Mr. Howell C. Featherston has returned from a business trip to Philadelphia, Pa.

AUGUSTA ITEMS

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)  
SPRINGFIELD, VA., April 7.—Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Martin, of Kingswood, W. Va., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Rader.

Mrs. B. B. Watson has been called to Arkansas on account of the illness of her sister.

Mr. A. B. Carroll, who was a delegate to the Baltimore Methodist Episcopal Church, South, Conference, which was held at Cumberland, Md., has just returned.

Mr. Alvina Chisholm, who had operated on at Johns Hopkins Hospital, in Baltimore, is improving.

Mr. Howard Gage has gone to Richmond for medical attention and to undergo an operation for appendicitis, if necessary.

TOOK HIS DOG'S PART.

Justice John Fines Man Who Kicked Negro for Kicking Dog.

Mr. G. W. Digney, a young white man, was injured in Police Court yesterday morning with keeping a vicious dog and with assaulting Andrew Johnson, a negro, who kicked the canine.

The dog was brought into court. It was a pretty beast, and there was nothing vicious about it. A bystander, who had never before seen the canine, picked him up and placed him on a shelf, while the court looked at him.

"Nothing vicious about that dog," said Justice Crutchfield, "but what made you hit this nigger?"

"I kicked my dog," answered the defendant.

"Well, I'll have to fine you, but reckon I'd done the same thing," ordered the One John, as he imposed a fine of \$2.00.

TO GREET PRESIDENT.

Confederate Camps and Grand Army to Join in Great Welcome.

(By Associated Press.)  
NORFOLK, VA., April 7.—Incident to the coming of President Roosevelt to Norfolk on Decoration day, an effort was made to have the Confederate veteran camps of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkeley unite this year in one large memorial celebration, the Confederates joining with the Grand Army of the Republic and Army and Navy union celebrations of that day.

Heretofore the Confederate camps of Norfolk, Portsmouth and Berkeley have been holding separate memorial day celebrations in May and June, commemorating the memory of deceased Confederates.

In later years members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Army and Navy Union have joined in these celebrations, and in turn Confederates have joined in the national Decoration day celebrations to some extent. Now that the president is coming, it is proposed to have the separate Confederate celebrations eliminated with one great celebration and parade.

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Ready-to-Wear  
Garments  
For Easter Service.

If you haven't done a thing towards your Easter costume, there is still no reason why you should not be elegantly and tastefully gowned for the occasion.

You never had a better chance than we present—this last week before the festival—to pick from eminently correct garments, that carry grace and goodly excellence, are up to style's highest standard, and are priced at a saving, minus worry and long waiting.

New Suits, Blon or Pony jackets, in black or colors, very best styles and most approved workmanship, \$15.00 each to \$45.00.

Handsome Showing of New Cream Costumes.

Separate Skirts, black or colors, unusual values, \$5.00 each to \$20.00. Silk Walsis, dainty Japan silks, in white, lingerie or tailored effects—all show very latest ideas—\$3.50 each to \$10.00.

Lace and Net Walsis, very newest and best, \$5.00 each to \$15.00. Bolero Jackets of Linen and Muslin, trimmings of embroidery, applique and laces, all tasteful and refined, and totally different from those offered elsewhere in to-day's announcement. These in the Tailored Garment Section at \$3.50 each to \$12.50.

Sale of Embroideries.

This splendid opportunity has been made possible through the fortunate purchase of a big lot of Embroideries at figures far below their real value. These are piled on centre counters, and you may commence buying them on Monday morning, and save enough to pay you well for making a special visit.

Prices, 5c to 50c a yard.

A Gem Collection of Boleros

A Third Less Than They Are Worth.

If you admire the exclusive, come right in and get it. This lot of Handsome White Lace Boleros and Pony Jackets was the sample line of a foremost New York Importer.

He closed them out to us, and we offer them to you at a third less than their real worth.

Textures are Baby Irish Crochet, French Irish Crochet, Princess and Carriemmore Laces, combined with English eyelet work on fine linens. There is just one of a kind, ladies, and they stand at the apex of all that is fashionable. No more where these come from.

Prices, \$7.00 to \$12.00 each; worth \$10.00 to \$18.

White Goods and  
Other Summer Textures

The Annex is ever demonstrating the rare goodness of its cotton offerings.

This week it makes an especially captivating display. It points your attention with surety of success to many exceptional lines that are as unusual for their beauty as for their strikingly diminutive prices. Taking a rapid survey, we note:

Very Fine Sheer Checked Dimities, regular 25c value, at 16 2/3c.

White Figured Madras, for shirt waists, in very attractive values, at 12 1/2c, 15c, 16 2/3c, 25c and 20c a yard.

Beautiful Dotted Swisses, any size dots, at 25c a yard. Sheer French Lawns, another case just in, 46 inches wide, a regular 25c value, very fine, at 17c a yard.

Silk Organzaes and Bolines, very newest patterns, with fashion's sanction for texture and design, 50c a yard.

Linen Lawns, 36-inch, two popular weights, at 25c a yard. Imported Swisses, embroidered dots and figures, 50c a yard to 85c. Mercerized Balistes, for lingerie waists, at 10c a yard to 75c. Flowered Organzaes, fine showing, new patterns, 12 1/2c a yard to 25c.

Amongst the New Parasols.

These are here in such variety that a satisfactory selection is assured.

There are richer effects than ever before in Silks and Laces and in the increasingly popular Embroidered productions, latest spring and summer colors, and a very strong offering of whites.

The prices are worthy of special note. They range by gradual rises from \$1.00 each to \$25.00.

"Princess," The Ideal Dress Shield.

This new odorless, antiseptic Shield is the leader of the new method of making shields without rubber. It is thoroughly impervious, can be washed and ironed, is sold under a broad guarantee, and is in every way to be depended upon.

We are sole agents for them in Richmond.

Sizes 2 to 5. Prices, 20c to 35c.

Easter Gloves and Veilings.

No woman who is a really tasteful dresser need be told of the immense importance of proper Gloves and Veilings for the Easter costume. She knows they are finishing touches of the highest importance.

Gloves of "quality" and satisfactory service are here in accurate styles and colorings, perfect and leniently priced.

And the Veils are the Veils of fashion—new, attractive and becoming, current colorings and most wanted meshes.

Latest in Auto Veils, Tuxedo and Mourning Ties. Auto Veils, white, black and light shades, \$1.50 each to \$2.25. New Princess Lace Veils at \$2.00 each to \$4.00. Tuxedo Veilings, white, black and Maples, 25c a yard to \$1.50.

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which has become more of a burden than a pleasure.—London Mail.

Tea Leaves Used Again.

"There are some men," said a health officer, "who buy from hotels all their used tea leaves. These they dry and put on the market again as fresh tea."

"As a matter of fact, there is still a good deal of strong tea-plant a good deal of tannin—in these used leaves. They make as black and bitter a brew as the greatest tea blend would want to drink. But such a brew is unwholesome, for the percentage of tannin in it is much larger than in an ordinary cup of tea."

"Used tea leaves are easily made to resemble fresh ones. They are dried on hot iron plates, the heat of which curls them up nicely, giving them a natural appearance."

"A cup of this second-table tea refreshes you tremendously, but afterward your mouth is drawn up as if you had been sucking alum."—Philadelphia Bulletin.

Millionaire Town Officers.

Henry H. Rogers has been reappointed superintendent of streets of Fairhaven.

Mass.; Alfred Marshall, with an income of \$4,000 a week, is running for trustee of Mamaroneck; Mrs. Mackay, worth \$8,000,000 or \$4,000,000, is school director of Kew-Forest, Long Island, and two farmers worth millions apiece are eyed for mayor of Ida Grove, Iowa